

HABS No. ID-110-E

Hornet Ranger Station, Bunkhouse (Building No. 1153)
Payette National Forest
National Forest Road No. 50002
Council Vicinity
Adams County
Idaho

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HORNET RANGER STATION, BUNKHOUSE (Bldg. No. 1153)
HABS No. 1D-110-E

Location: Payette National Forest
15 miles southwest of Council
0.2 miles north of Washington County line
National Forest Road No. 50002, at Mill Creek
Adams County
Idaho

U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute Hornet SW, ID, quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator coordinates:
11.529300.4965000

Present Owner: Payette National Forest
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1026 Park Street
McCall, Idaho 83638

Present Use: Abandoned

Statement of Significance:

The Hornet Ranger Station forms important historical associations with two federal agencies: the U.S. Forest Service and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). Both of these agencies were instrumental in the regional development of the West during the first half of the twentieth century.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Date of erection: The bunkhouse was constructed ca. 1941.

2. Architect/Builder: The bunkhouse was built as a modified dwelling to house seasonal employees. It was built by personnel under the supervision of the Weiser National Forest.

3. Original and subsequent owners: The bunkhouse has always been the property of the U.S. Forest Service.

4. Alterations and additions: The exterior was once painted white with green trim. Today, the bunkhouse is painted avocado with white trim.

B. Historical Context: See overview section.

PART II ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

The Bunkhouse is a rectangular one-story dwelling, 14.5 feet (E-W) by 24.5 feet. The structure measures 14.5 feet from the ground to the peak of the roof. It contains a kitchen, bedroom, and bathroom. Designed for the use of seasonal employees, it is situated centrally between the living and working portions of the complex.

1. Architectural character: The one-story frame building with shiplap siding is a modified Region 4 dwelling. No specific plans have been located in Payette N.F. records detailing the construction of this Hornet Ranger Station improvement. It is a typical example of regional Forest Service architecture and was built to conform with other buildings in the complex (Rutledge 1934).

2. Condition of the fabric: The overall condition of the historic fabric is fair. The exterior has sustained damage from woodpeckers.

B. Description of the Exterior

1. Foundations: The building is supported upon concrete block piers. Framed corner posts, trimmed in white, help to support the load of the roof.

2. Walls: The frame building is constructed with milled dimensional lumber of Douglas fir and ponderosa pine. The exterior is faced with shiplap (horizontal) overlapping siding.

3. Doors: The building contains one entry door centered under the gable on the facade (east elevation). The door is made of wood; a wooden screen door facilitates lighting and ventilation.

4. Windows: The fenestration includes nine windows of identical size. Each window contains six panes; all are hinged at the bottom and open inward.

5. Roof: The gable roof is constructed with "2 x 6" Douglas fir trusses. The fir sheathing is covered with corrugated aluminum. There are horizontal louvered vents placed directly below the peak of the roofline on both ends of the gable.

C. Description of the Interior

1. Floor plan: The floor space of the single story structure is divided into three rooms of modest size. Adjacent to the entryway (front) is the kitchen; adjoining bathroom and bedroom make up the rear portion. There is an interior door which furnishes access to the bedroom.

2. Flooring and ceiling: The floor is tongue and groove pine covered with linoleum. The ceiling is paneled with Masonite and painted light blue.

3. Other features: The kitchen has plywood cabinets and drawers painted light blue. The remaining walls contain a wainscoting of knotty pine below pressed fiber board painted white. The bathroom contains a metal shower on a raised wooden platform.